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FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (92-new)
SUBJECT: FRANK PROVINCIO, aka.
Mr. Frankie, Frankie Smart

sent for Frankie's file

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ANTI-RACKETEERING

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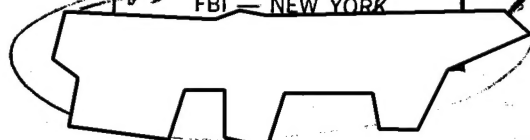
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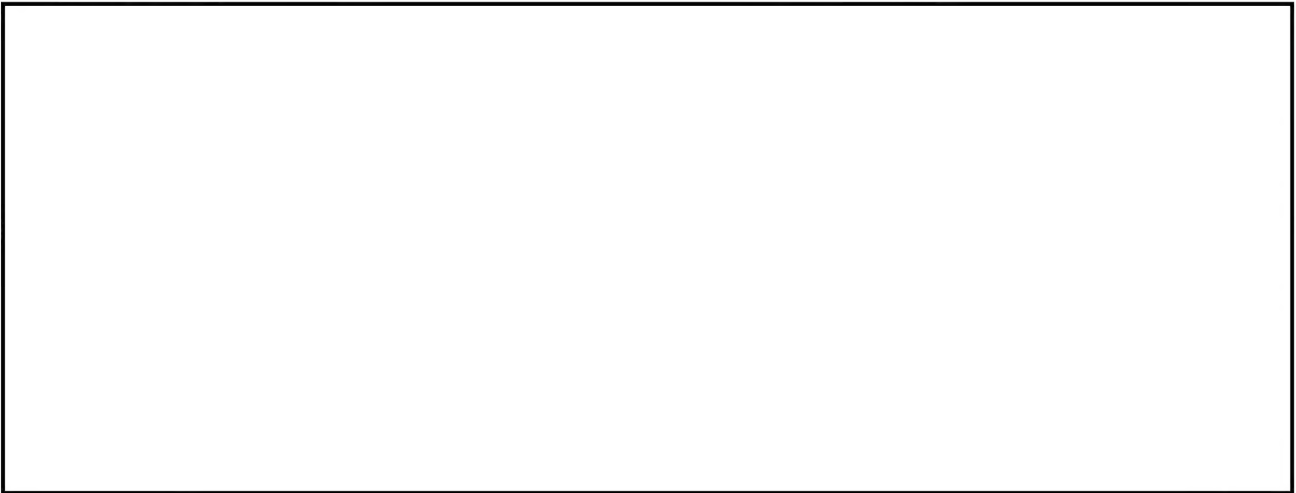
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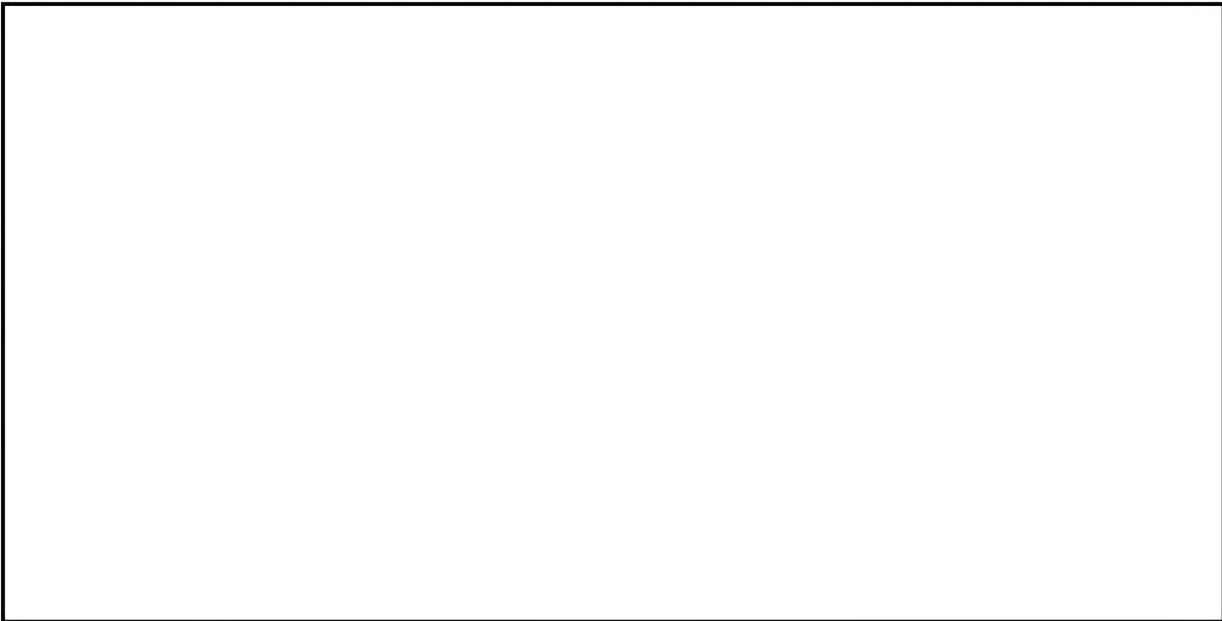
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Describes PROVINZANO as white; age 44-47; 5'10"; 195-205 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes; stocky build; medium complexion.

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Additional information being secured from [REDACTED] regarding

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Newark is requested to contact U. S. Attorney's Office to determine his opinion as [REDACTED] and advise this office of any matters involving these subjects [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEWARK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEWARK	DATE 6/26/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/22 - 6/18/59
TITLE OF CASE FRANK PROVINZANO, aka.; <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY JOHN H. WILMES	TYPED BY kvw
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	b6 b7C

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCES

Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau dated May 15, 1959.

Report of SA JOHN W. REINHARD dated May 28, 1959 at Philadelphia.

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LEADS

BOSTON:

AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS: Will contact mentioned in referenced airtel, and determine if there is any indication of violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statute in his past or present dealings with PROVINZANO and/or

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NEW HAVEN:

AT HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT: Contact mentioned in referenced airtel, and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

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Assign:

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AT ORANGE, CONNECTICUT: Will contact Hillside Farms, mentioned in referenced airtel, and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK CITY: 1. Will contact Benjamin Express, mentioned in referenced airtel and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

2. Will check indices on PROVINZANO and [redacted] and conduct credit and criminal checks on PROVINZANO, 6434 329th Street, Bayside, Long Island.

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PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA: Will contact Nealy Banana Transfer, mentioned in referenced airtel, and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

AT TAYLOR, PENNSYLVANIA: Will determine through recontact [redacted] was with PROVINZANO when conversation took place at Scranton, Pa. on December 13, 1958 and if [redacted] in conspiracy with PROVINZANO.

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NEWARK:

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY: Will recontact USA, Newark for his opinion as to anti-racketeering violation when outstanding leads are covered.

AT WEEHAWKEN, NEW JERSEY: Will conduct investigation to determine background information regarding [redacted]

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1-USA, Newark

Report of: JOHN H. WILMES
Date: 6/26/59

Office: Newark, New Jersey

File Number: Newark 92-709

Title:

FRANK PROVINZANO. [REDACTED]
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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: AUSA, Newark advised a violation exists in this matter but no possibility of prosecution because [REDACTED] refuses to testify. No record of PROVINZANO or [REDACTED] at Weehawken, N. J. Police Department or Credit Bureau of North Jersey. [REDACTED] Hoboken, N. J. Police Department does not know PROVINZANO or [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

On May 22, 1959, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney [REDACTED] Newark, New Jersey by SA CHARLES L. WERELEY at which time [REDACTED] stated it was his opinion that a violation exists in this matter but that there is no possibility of prosecution because [REDACTED]

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On June 10, 1959, [REDACTED] Weehawken, New Jersey Police Department, advised IC [REDACTED] that his files contain no record for FRANK PROVINZANO or [REDACTED] or any of the names used by them.

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On June 10, 1959, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of North Jersey, Union City, New Jersey, which covers Weehawken, New Jersey, advised IC [REDACTED] his files contain no record of FRANK PROVINZANO or [REDACTED] or any of the names used by them.

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On June 17, 1959, [redacted] Hoboken,
New Jersey Police Department, who is familiar with waterfront
activities in the Hoboken - Weehawken, New Jersey area,
advised SAS CHARLES L. WERELEY and JOHN H. WILMES that
PROVINZANO and [redacted] are unknown to him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1488)

DATE: 8/18/59
DATE DICTATED: 8/14/59

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

FRANK PROVINZANO, .aka.: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEWARK	DATE 8/19/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/9-8/4/59
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		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

~~SYNOPSIS:~~
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOHN H. WILMES, 6/26/59, at Newark.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

New York City Telephone Directories failed to list a Benjamin Express, however, a Benjamin Motor Express Inc. is listed in New York directory with an address of 50 Van Kuren, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Confidential source is contacted by IC ALFRED G. ENNULAT on 8/4/59.

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LEADS

NEWARK

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will contact Benjamin Motor Express, Inc.,
50 Van Kuren, and determine if there is any indication
of violation of the anti-racketeering statute in
his dealings with PROVINZANO and/or [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Newark

Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]

8/19/59

Office:

NEW YORK

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File Number: New York (92-1488)

Title:

FRANK PROVENZANO; [REDACTED]
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Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

A review of the NYO indices fails to reveal any information identifiable with PROVINZANO, or [REDACTED]. No record for PROVINZANO at NYSPD. Confidential source advised PROVENZANO owns a retail ice cream shop in NYC with an income of approximately \$10,000 per year. Source also advised PROVENZANO is employed as a longshoreman by United Fruit Company at Weehawken, NJ, on the banana boats. Credit record is clear and there are no litigations in his file.

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NY 92-1488

DETAILS:

A review of the New York Office indices failed to reveal any identifiable information with FRANK PROVINZANO or PROVENZANO and

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SA AUGUST J. MIEK checked the records of New York City Police Department for FRANK PROVENZANO and PROVINZANO, 6434 229th Street, Bayside, New York, and failed to reveal any record identifiable with subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEWARK	Office of Origin NEWARK	Date 8/21/59	Investigative Period 6/18-8/14/59
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: FRANK PROVINZANO, aka.;		Report made by JOHN H. WILMES	Typed By: rk/ ds
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	b6 b7C

The title of this report is marked changed to set out the true name of [redacted] as reflected in the records of the Bi-State Waterfront Commission, Hoboken, N.J. and to carry his previous name in the title, [redacted] as an alias.

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REFERENCES

Philadelphia airtel to Bureau dated 5/15/59
Report of SA JOHN H. WILMES dated 6/26/59 at Newark.

LEADS

BOSTON:

*AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS. Will contact [redacted] mentioned in referenced airtel, and determine if there is any indication of violation of the Anti-Racketeering Statute in his past or present dealings with PROVINZANO and/or [redacted]

NEW HAVEN

*AT HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT. Contact [redacted] mentioned in referenced airtel, and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

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LEADS (continued)

NEW HAVEN:

***AT CRANFORD, CONNECTICUT.** Will contact Hillside Farm mentioned in referenced airtel, and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

NEW YORK:

***AT NEW YORK CITY.** 1. Will contact Benjamin Express, mentioned in referenced airtel and conduct same investigation indicated for Boston.

***2.** Will check indices on PROVINIANO and [redacted] and conduct credit and criminal checks on PROVINIANO, 6434 280th Street, Bayside, Long Island.

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NEWARK:

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. Will recontact USA, Newark, for his opinion as to an Anti-Racketeering violation when outstanding leads are covered.

PHILADELPHIA: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to Philadelphia for information inasmuch as Philadelphia received the original complaint in this investigation and may be requested to conduct additional investigation in the future.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

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Report of:

Date:

JULY 20, 1959 WILKIN

Office:

Newark, New Jersey

File Number:

Newark (2-700)

Title:

FRANK PROVINCANO:

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Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[redacted] is employed at United Fruit Co. pier in Weehawken, N.J., resides at 20 Shelly Ave., Paramus, N.J. Records of Paramus PD and Garden State Credit Bureau, Clifton, N.J., contain no unfavorable information regarding [redacted]. FBI identification record set out.

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DETAILS:

On July 22, 1959, [redacted] Si-State Waterfront Commission, Hoboken, New Jersey, advised her records reflect one [redacted] is employed at the United Fruit Company Pier in Weehawken, New Jersey. [redacted] lives at [redacted] Security Number [redacted]

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[redacted] said her files contained no unfavorable information pertaining to [redacted]

[redacted] advised that her files contained no references to a [redacted]

On July 23, 1959, [redacted] Deputy Court Clerk, Paramus, New Jersey Police Department, advised SA WALTER P. GAVIN that his files contain no record of [redacted]

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On July 28, 1950, MRS. [REDACTED] Clerk, Garden State Credit Bureau, 420 Gotty Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, advised SA JAMES R. LAUGHLIN of the following:

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of age, [REDACTED] Street, [REDACTED] New Jersey. He is closely bonded with his parents at [REDACTED]. He was employed at the United Fruit Company Pier in Weehawken, as an expeditor since February, 1943, and was formerly employed at the Marka Corporation in Hoboken.

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On August 2, 1950, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the following identification record for [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW HAVEN	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEWARK	DATE 8/31/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/17 - 26/59
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		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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REFERENCES: Report of SA WILLIAM F. GLOSSA, dated 8/19/59, at New Haven; and
Report of SA JOHN H. WILMER, dated 8/21/59, at Newark.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy To: 1 - USA, NEWARK

Report Of: SA WILLIAM F. GLOSSA Office: NEW HAVEN
Date: AUGUST 31, 1959

File Number: NH 92-171

Title: FRANK PROVINZANO:

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

unable to furnish any further information of value.

[REDACTED]

states he

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knows of no instances of pay-offs or pressure to
anyone at pier to obtain any type of preferential treat-
ment. [REDACTED] with FRANK

PROVINZANO [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

DETAILS:

Date August 24, 1959

[redacted]
[redacted] and that he was assured that none of these men were making pay-offs of any kind for preferential treatment. He explained that it would be very unlikely that the drivers would pay money out of their own pockets since they had nothing to gain personally from it.

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[redacted] advised that he had also talked with [redacted] and [redacted] that he had reported to him that the only trucking company to his knowledge who was consistently getting "early bookings" was Lafferty Trucking Company, of Philadelphia. [redacted] did not believe there was any under-handed arrangement in this regard, but felt that the United Fruit Company, who controls the early bookings allows the Lafferty Company on the pier earlier. [redacted] advised should he learn any further information of value, he would immediately advise this office.

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Interview with [redacted] File # NH 92-171
on 8/17/59 at Orange, Conn. Date dictated 8/21/59
by Special Agent WILLIAM F. GLOSSA/mc

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 8/24/59

[redacted] advised he has been employed [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he did not believe there were any irregularities existing on the pier, but that there was some talk of "early bookings" among the truckers. He stated he did not believe there were any pay-offs being made for "early bookings" or any type of preferential treatment, and that he feels that the United Fruit Company pier employees who control the movements on to and on the pier could not be approached. [redacted] stated that Iafferty Trucking Company of Philadelphia has "early bookings", but that he feels since they have a large contract with the A & P Company, it may be necessary for them to get on the pier earlier.

[redacted] advised he was acquainted with [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that should he learn any further information of value, particularly during his conversations with PROVINZANO, he would advise this office.

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b7Cby Special Agent WILLIAM F. GLOSSA:md

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW HAVEN	Office of Origin NEWARK	Date 8/19/59	Investigative Period 6/29 - 8/12/59
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		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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REFERENCES:

Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/15/59.
Report of SA JOHN H. WILMES, at Newark, dated 6/26/59.

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LEADS:

NEW HAVEN

At Orange, Connecticut

Will recontact
to determine if he has developed any information of value
from truck drivers employed by him who are regularly making
trips to the Weehawken, New Jersey, piers.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, NEWARK

Report of: SA WILLIAM F. GLOSSA
Date: 8/19/59

Office: NEW HAVEN

File Number: NH 92-171

Title: FRANK PROVENZANO:

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[redacted] advised that his trucks regularly make pickups at the Weehawken piers in Weehawken, N.J. He stated he has no knowledge of any approaches made to his drivers by anyone to pay money for preferential treatment at the pier. He stated the only complaint he has is that some drivers get "early bookings" on the pier, but that United Fruit Company has control of this. [redacted] stated drivers advised in past that individuals named "FRANKIE SMART" and [redacted] appear to be in charge of directing trucks on the pier and drivers suspect other truckers must be doing favors for FRANKIE SMART to get on the pier earlier. [redacted] advised he makes regular pickups at the Weehawken pier, but that no one has ever approached him for any type of payment. He stated he is acquainted with FRANK PROVENZANO, aka. FRANKIE SMART, [redacted] but does not believe either of these individuals are in a position to give any type of preferential treatment in return for payments of money.

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DETAILS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate July 15, 1959

[redacted]
[redacted]
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[redacted] advised that in connection with this business [redacted]

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[redacted] owns and operates 12 tractor-trailers. He advised that in connection with their business, they pick up, approximately four days each week, bananas at the Weehawken, New Jersey, pier and at other New York City and Brooklyn, New York, piers. He advised that the Weehawken pier is operated by the United Fruit Company, and, although he, himself, does not go down to the piers to pick up bananas, he has for a number of years directed his drivers to pick up bananas at the Weehawken pier. He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] area, as well as independent dealers and store operators to whom these bananas are consigned.

[redacted] advised that his drivers have occasionally complained about delays on getting on the Weehawken pier to get loaded and that they have mentioned to him on occasion that other trucks appear to be getting preferential treatment.

[redacted] explained that the United Fruit Company does give what is known as "early bookings" which means that certain truck companies are permitted to come early in the morning to pick up their bananas; this probably is a result of certain consignments requiring delivery of their bananas earlier in the day. [redacted] advised further that he has asked the United Fruit Company from time to time for these "early bookings" and that they have promised it to him, but that he has never had any "early bookings".

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He advised that no one has ever approached him to make payment of money to have his trucks get on the pier earlier, nor, to his know, have they ever approached any of his drivers in this respect. He stated he felt that had his drivers been so approached, they would communicate this information to him since the drivers would certainly not pay such moneys out of their own pockets. [redacted] stated that from time to time the drivers are given tickets to purchase for such things as

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Interview with [redacted] File # NH 92-171
on 7/8/59 at Orange, Connecticut Date dictated 7/10/59
by Special Agent WILLIAM F. GLOSSA and
ORVILLE R. TALBUTT:smj

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Police Benevolent Association functions, communion breakfasts, and the like, but these tickets usually are only for \$1 or \$2 and that he does not feel that a refusal of these tickets would mean that his company would get delays on the pier or get poor type of bananas. He stated that usually when such tickets are purchased by him, he makes the payment by check so that he has a record of the organization to which the money is paid.

He stated that he did recall that approximately four or five years ago someone on the pier had tried to sell his company four \$25 tickets for a testimonial which he believes was for some union person, name not recalled, but that he did not make this purchase.

[redacted] further advised that his drivers have told him in the past that an individual on the pier, known to them as "FRANKIE SMART", appears to be in charge of directing the trucks to the ship hatchways on the pier. He said that there is also another individual name [redacted] who the drivers say has a similar type job. He stated that his drivers have told him that they suspect other truckdrivers must be doing some sort of favors for FRANKIE SMART to get what they feel is preferential treatment on getting ahead of other trucks waiting to get on the pier. [redacted] advised that the drivers have never advised him that either FRANKIE SMART or [redacted] has ever approached them indicating that these individuals could get them on the pier earlier, and he feels had such been the case, the drivers would have told him about it.

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[redacted] advised that the only type of payments that he personally knows are being made to anyone on the pier are payments of one or two dollars to the pier personnel who stack the bananas on the trucks. He stated that this has been a custom for many years and that the payment is made in the form of a gratuity to the banana stackers. He said that there is no coercion used in any manner whatsoever to pay this money and the truck drivers pay the money directly to the individual banana stackers.

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[redacted] advised that he would be alert for any information indicating that there were any payments or coercion being used on the pier and would confer with his drivers in this respect. He promised to immediately notify this office of any such matters.

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[redacted]
[redacted] He advised that the company is owned by [redacted] along with his [redacted] and three other drivers of the company make pickups of bananas at the Weehawkin, New Jersey, pier and other New York City and Brooklyn, New York, piers. He stated that these bananas are delivered by them to consignees of the United Fruit Company who are independent banana distributors and store owners. [redacted] advised that his company operates [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that neither he nor any of the drivers of the company or company employees have ever made payments of any type whatsoever to anyone on the New York and New Jersey piers. He stated that they have never been approached by anyone on the pier at Weehawkin or any pier to make any such payments. He stated that the United Fruit Company is in control of how the trucks get on the pier and in the order in which they get on the pier. He stated further that he, as well as a number of other truckers, have "early bookings" on the pier, but that these are set up solely by the United Fruit Company since the United Fruit Company has that certain of their customers must necessarily get delivery of their bananas at specified times. He stated that these early bookings also sometimes permit a trucker to make a second pickup at the pier on the same day. [redacted] advised that he realizes that there is necessarily some complaining by truckers when they observe a truck which apparently has not been waiting in line; get on the pier ahead of others. He explained that this happens many times with his own trucks and is caused by some other trucker having the early booking. He stated further that it is possible that a number of these truck drivers do not realize that certain trucking companies, as specified by the United Fruit Company, have been permitted on certain occasions to get the early booking.

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[redacted] further advised that he was acquainted with FRANK PROVENZANO, also known as Frankie Smart, and described him as a member of the union who is assigned to the pier and that he is also acquainted with [redacted] also the union shop steward on the Weehawkin pier.

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He stated that these individuals; namely, PROVENZANO and [redacted] in connection with their employment, once the truck has arrived on the pier, it is directed by them to the proper hatchway to pick up the bananas. He stated that neither PROVENZANO nor [redacted] has any authority to give special or preferential treatment to any trucker, nor could he see how in any manner whatsoever they could do this. He explained further that they do not control in what order the trucks come on the pier and that once the trucks are on the pier, it has already been established by the United Fruit Company as to where the particular trucker is to pick up his bananas. He stated further that for this reason, neither of these individuals would be in a position to arrange for a trucker to get poorer or better bananas put on their trucks. [redacted] further advised that at no time had he ever been approached by PROVENZANO [redacted] or any other individual for the payment of money or anything to get preferential treatment on the pier or to get a better grade of bananas. He stated that, to his knowledge, and he explained that he would certainly know of it, that none of his drivers had ever been so approached.

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[redacted] further stated that he has not heard of anyone ever being approached or making any payments for any type of preferential treatment, nor had he ever known or heard of anyone in the recent past having been treated or coerced in this respect.

He stated that he recalled that about four or five years ago there had been some difficulty on the pier by the union and the pier operators and that he believed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been called in and that subsequently the situation was apparently resolved.

[redacted] advised that occasionally he does purchase tickets from personnel on the pier, but that these instances are rare and that the prices of the tickets are usually \$1 or \$2. He stated that he could not ever recall having been approached to purchase tickets for testimonial affairs for what might appear to be exorbitant prices. He stated also that it has been the custom for a number of years that the stackers on the pier who load the trucks are given a tip or gratuity of usually no more than \$1. He stated that this payment is made by the truck driver directly to the banana stacker and there is no coercion used to make this payment. He stated that as a matter of fact, not all of the truckers tip the banana stackers and that he is certain that these truckers who do not tip the stackers are receiving poorer bananas or are delayed in any way in making their pick ups.

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On August 12, 1950, an attempt was made to recontact [redacted] in an effort to determine if, after conversation with his other drivers, he had developed any information of interest to this investigation. It was determined from [redacted]

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[redacted] Immediately upon his return, he will be contacted relative to this investigation.

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ReBulet 9/1/59.

Rerep SA William F. Glossa 8/19/59 at New Haven.

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SAC, NEWARK (92-709)

FRANK PROVINZANO, aka.;

ANTI-RACKETEERING
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Re: Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/19/59
at New York.

Referenced report sets out a lead for Newark to
contact [redacted] to determine if there is any indication of a viola-
tion of the Anti-Racketeering Statute in his dealings with
PROVINZANO [redacted]

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On 9/9/59, [redacted]

[redacted] has been located for the past year at [redacted]

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New York is requested to expeditiously contact
[redacted] regarding dealings
with PROVINZANO [redacted] in order that this case may
be brought to a logical conclusion.

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Synopsis:
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REFERENCES

Report of SA JOHN H. WILMES dated 8/21/59 at Newark.
Boston letter to Newark dated 8/19/59.
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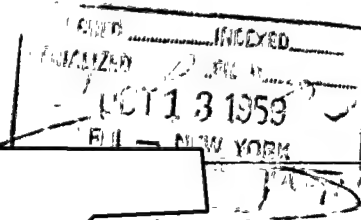
At New York, New York. Contact
 regarding dealings with PROVINZANO
as set out in referenced Newark letter.

NEWARK:

At Newark, New Jersey. Will recontact USA, Newark,
for his opinion as to an anti-racketeering violation when out-
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: JOHN H. WILMES
Date: October 13, 1959

Office: NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

File Number: Newark 92-709

Bureau 92-4096

Title:

FRANK PROVINZANO;

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[redacted] knows of no "payoffs" on the part of PROVINZANO [redacted] suspects they have done "favours" for some banana transfer companies.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANCIS J. PIERONI:

[redacted] who operates a banana transfer business. [redacted] and [redacted] was interviewed on [redacted]. He stated that in connection with the operation of his business, he has occasion to pick up at the Fruit Dispatch Warehouse at Weehawken Pier, New Jersey, and he has become acquainted with FRANK PROVINZANO whom he knows to be a "truck spotter" and [redacted] in the Longshoremen's Union. He went on to state that during the period of time he has had contact with these two individuals, he has never been requested by either of these men for "payoffs" of any description. It is his belief that they will never approach him concerning a payoff arrangement since they know he is the type of man who would immediately report the matter to the proper authorities.

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He stated, however, that while he has no personal knowledge of any such activity being conducted by PROVINZANO and [redacted] he has always suspected that they were doing "favors" for some of the other banana transfer companies picking up at that location predicated upon the fact that some of the trucks are given preference of immediate handling while others have to wait a considerable length of time. He stated that he for one always is made to wait while other trucks are given immediate service even though they arrived much later than he had. b6 b7C

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[redacted] advised on October 6, 1959, that he had no knowledge of any approaches made to his drivers by anyone to pay money for preferential treatment while picking up bananas at Weehawken piers. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that a representative of United Fruit Company would call him and advise him where and when the bananas could be picked up. [redacted] stated that he was certain his drivers never paid any money to anyone at the Weehawken piers. According to [redacted] if his drivers had paid any money they would have requested him to reimburse them.

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[redacted] stated that he was not acquainted with FRANK PROVINZANO, FRANKIE SMART or [redacted] advised that his company has not picked up bananas at Weehawken piers for approximately six months as their contract to haul bananas expired and they did not renew it.

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on 10/6/59 at New York City Date dictated 10/12/59

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by Special Agent GERALD J. MOFFITT/bfh

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[redacted] advised on October 6, 1959, that he was not aware of any approaches being made to his drivers by anyone to pay money for preferential treatment while picking up bananas at Weehawken piers. [redacted] advised a representative of United Fruit Company would call his company and advised them when and where the bananas could be picked up. [redacted] stated if his drivers had paid money to anyone at Weehawken piers he would know about it as the drivers would request reimbursement for the money they had paid. [redacted] advised that he was not acquainted with FRANK PROVINZANO, FRANKIE SMART, or [redacted] related that his contract to carry bananas had expired approximately six months ago and he does not make any pickups at Weehawken piers at the present time.

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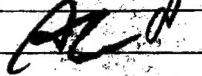
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FRANK PROVINZANO:

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Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[redacted] had no knowledge of any approaches made to their drivers by anyone to pay money for preferential treatment while picking up bananas at Weehawken piers. United Fruit Co. designated time and place for banana pickups. They are not acquainted with subjects and have not picked up bananas at Weehawken for approximately six months.

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DETAILS: